

# Identifying Sentence Fragments

**EXERCISE A** Determine which of the following word groups are sentence fragments and which are complete sentences. If the group of words is a complete sentence, write *S* on the line provided. If the group of words is a fragment, write *F*.

**Example**   *F*   1. May dress as a medieval countess for the costume contest.

- 1. If you think some of today's fashions are weird.
- 2. You should see the clothes people wore in the Middle Ages.
- 3. Patterns of floral or geometric shapes popular.
- 4. Liked clothes that were half one color and half another.
- 5. Might have one green leg and one red leg!
- 6. People often wore heavy leather belts decorated with metal and jewels.
- 7. Edges of clothing into shapes called *dagges*.
- 8. Sleeves with streamers that were two or three feet long.
- 9. Shoes had long toes that were padded to retain their shape.
- 10 Tights of velvet or silk.
- 11. When clothes were edged and lined in fur.
- 12. Layers very common in medieval clothing?
- 13. Was a way of displaying wealth.
- 14. The more clothes a person wore, the wealthier that person was.
- 15. Might wear a short-sleeved tunic over a long-sleeved tunic, with a sleeveless mantle over all.
- 16. The usual head covering for men a hood with an attached shoulder cape and a long, extended point, like a tail.
- 17. Women wore a neckcloth pinned to their braids, hiding their hair.
- 18. On top of the head, would wear a veil, a linen crown, or a small, round hat.
- 19. In the later Middle Ages, women wore jeweled metal nets over their coiled braids.
- 20. Current fashions a little boring in comparison!

## Identifying Sentence Fragments (continued)

**EXERCISE B** Determine which of the word groups in the following paragraph are sentence fragments and which are complete sentences. If a word group is a complete sentence, write *S* above its item number. If the word group is a fragment, write *F* above its item number.

**Examples** <sup>*F*</sup> [1] South Pole on continent of Antarctica. <sup>*S*</sup> [2] Antarctica has the highest average elevation of the seven continents.

[21] No native people on the continent of Antarctica. [22] Because it is too cold. [23] Although scientists and other workers live in Antarctica for about a year at a time. [24] These people live there to study many things. [25] The ozone layer, sleep patterns, and fish survival in subzero temperatures. [26] Ninety-five percent of Antarctica covered with ice. [27] Also has very high winds. [28] Sometimes Antarctica's winds reach speeds of 200 miles per hour. [29] Many animals in the ocean around Antarctica. [30] One type of bird found on Antarctica is the penguin.